Setting up of Purchase Centres for Handloom Banarsi Sarees in Uttar Pradesh

5270. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up purchase centres under the Market Development Assistance Scheme for handloom Banarsi Sarees in Azamgarh and Mao districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A purchase Centre is already functioning in Azamgarh district which serves the interests of the handloom weavers located in Mao district also.

Cotton Spinning Mills Under Cooperative Sector in Uttar Pradesh

5271. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cotton spinning mills in the cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether these mills are capable of meeting the demand of handloom and powerloom industries;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up some new cotton spinning mill in the cooperative sector in Azamgarh and Mao districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the number of such mills likely to be set up during the eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There are ten cotton/man-made fibre textile spinning mills in Cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Demand for yarn by Handloom and powerloom sectors is met by all the spinning mills in the country. There are 30 spinning mills and 15 composite textile mills, engaged in spinning activity in U.P. There are also 1010 textile mills in the country and there is no restriction in the inter-state movement of yarn.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above question does not arise.

Export of Carpets

5272. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which carpets were exported during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned from these exports;

(c) the effective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the carpet industry;

(d) whether any target has been fixed for the export of carpets for the year 1991-92; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The hand-knotted woollen/silken/synthetic carpets/rugs, druggets/dur-